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The Honorable Clair Engle  
Chairman, Committee on  
Interior and Insular Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letters of 5 February and 12 February 1957 requesting the comments of this Agency on a number of bills, "To direct the Secretary of the Interior to formulate a plan and make recommendations for consolidation in a single executive agency of the responsibility for, and supervision of, activities involving Antarctica."

Antarctica is an area of vital importance to the intelligence community, and therefore we are extremely interested in any legislation affecting the conduct of United States Government operations in this part of the world. We are not in a position, however, to comment on the bills referred to in your letters, as they relate to issues of jurisdiction which are not within the purview of this Agency.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it interposes no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. J. Hyde  
Bureau of the Budget

CONCURRED:

*James Hyde* 3/11/57  
Bureau of the Budget Date

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

**SUBJECT:** Letter to Honorable Clair Engle,  
Chairman, Committee on Interior  
and Insular Affairs

It is recommended that the Director sign the attached letter to Chairman Engle of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

This reply has been coordinated by Colonel King's office with other interested offices in the Agency, including those familiar with the OCB studies on the subject of Antarctica.

We had originally drafted a letter which went into some more detail as to why we felt that prompt legislative action was desirable in defining responsibility for this area. The Budget Bureau however advised against the inclusion of this thought, on the grounds that the bills as now introduced are not acceptable to the Administration, and they wish to defer urging expeditious action until the Administration puts forward its own legislative proposals.

/s/ Norman S. Paul

**Norman S. Paul**  
**Legislative Counsel**

**Attachment**

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr.

The attached letter redrafted per IG instructions following discussion at last Friday's Deputies meeting.

Norman S. Paul  
Legislative Counsel

**You will recall that Sherman Kent will deliver this letter since he is a personal friend of Congressman Engle.**

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